

WHEREAS; first celebrated nationwide in 1921, American Education Week presents an opportunity for communities across our state and country to celebrate public education and the tireless work of researchers, educators, staff, advocates, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS; education has facilitated some of the greatest advancements humankind has ever known and provides the foundation of our nation's democracy, informing individual autonomy as well as an engaged and informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS; there are nearly 860,000 students enrolled in schools across our state, and nearly 150,000 teachers, staff, and administrators who dedicate themselves to making a difference in the lives of generations of Wisconsin's kids; and

WHEREAS; what is best for our students is what is best for our state, which means ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality public education that enables them to reach their fullest potential, regardless of their age, identity, economic status, or ZIP code; and

WHEREAS; in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, we reaffirm our commitment to building an education infrastructure that works for every student and to expanding practices that adapt to the needs of all students, educators, and administrators in our communities; and

WHEREAS; we also commend the resourcefulness and resilience of all students, families, and educators who have adapted under the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and who remain committed to facilitating learning environments that are both engaging and as safe as possible; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals, organizations, and advocates across Wisconsin in working together to improve the accessibility of high-quality education throughout our state, and in celebrating those whose work inspires, empowers, and supports Wisconsin's kids;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 16 – 20, 2020, as

## **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

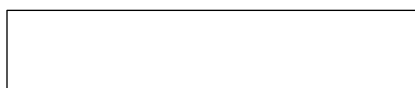
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State